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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE FOR GONA MINISTER OF
JUSTICE

REF: CARACAS 2393

1. WASHINGTON AGENCIES HAVE BEEN BRIEFED BY DEA REGARD-
ING PROPOSALS OF REFTTEL. EVIDENTLY, MINISTER OF JUSTICE
CHANCE'S MOTIVATIONS ARE POLITICAL, AS DISCUSSED IN MEMOS
PREPARED BY SAIC BRIGGS AND SA PHILLIPS, BASED ON THEIR
CONVERSATIONS IN CURACAO, INCLUDING A SEPARATE CONVERSA-
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TION WITH KPNA COMMISSIONER AT ARUBA, REMIE ZAAMDAM.
(COPIES OF BRIGGS' AND PHILLIP'S MEMOS BEING POUCHED
TO YOU.)

2. ZAANDAM TOLD BRIGGS AND PHILLIPS THAT CHANCE WANTS A
SHOWY NARCOTICS PROJECT TO ENHANCE HIS IMAGE FOR UPCOMING
ELECTION. CHANCE BELIEVES HE NEEDS GIMMICK TO OVERCOME

PURPORTED DISADVANTAGE OF HIS MEMBERSHIP IN THE MINORITY PARTY, ACCORDING TO ZAANDAM WHO ALSO ALLOWED THAT DEA MIGHT EXPECT TO RECEIVE LESS COOPERATION FROM KPNA AUTHORITIES IN THE FUTURE UNLESS CHANCE RECEIVES FORTH-COMING RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST.

3. WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER REASONABLE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WITH GONA, SUCH AS SEAMEN AND OTHER TRAINING, APPROPRIATE VIP VISITS, AND MATERIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, IF WARRANTED. HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE YOUR ASSESSMENT BEFORE CONSIDERING ANY OF THESE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE COMMENTS ON HOW THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES BEARS ON THE PROSPECTS FOR BETTER NARCOTICS COOPERATION NOW AND THRU THE SUCCEEDING ANTILLEAN ADMINISTRATION. EVALUATE ZAANDAM'S DESCRIPTION OF CHANCE'S MOTIVATIONS. IS THE LATTER OR ANY OF HIS SUBORDINATES LIKELY TO USE ASSISTANCE EFFECTIVELY? EVALUATE POSSIBLE EARLY INVITATION TO CHANCE (INCLUDING MEETING WITH HIGH LEVEL U.S. OFFICIALS) IN LIGHT OF HIS POLITICAL PROSPECTS. ALSO, PLEASE EVALUATE APPROPRIATENESS OF INVITATION TO ZAANDAM OR KPNA HIGH COMMISSIONER OLDENBOOM. SHOULD WE FOCUS OUR EFFORTS ON OLDENBOOM, WHO IS CAREER CIVIL SERVANT UNTIL WE SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO CHANCE? IS IT LIKELY THAT CHANCE WILL GO THROUGH WITH PURCHASE OF

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TWO BOATS ON HIS OWN?

5. CCO CARACAS REQUESTED TO DELAY TRAVEL TO ARUBA (PARA 7 REFTEL) UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. VANCE

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